

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this Application, Applicant submits the following remarks, has canceled claims and has added new claims. The claims as now presented are believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1-16, 18-34, and 36-38 were pending in this Application. By this Amendment, claims 2, 6, 15-16, 18, 20, 24, 33-34, and 36-37 have been canceled. Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute at least some of the canceled claims and similar claims in one or more related Applications. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-5, 7-14, 19, 21-23, 25-32, and 38 are now pending in this Application. Claims 1, 5, 8, 14, 19, 23, 26, 32, and 38 are independent claims.

Allowed Claims

Claims 14 and 32 have been allowed.

Claims 5 and 23 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten claims 5 and 23 to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 5 and 23 are now in allowable condition.

Claims 8-9 and 26-27 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten claims 8 and 26 to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 8 and 26 are now in allowable condition. Because claims 9 and 27 depend from and further limit claims 8 and

26, respectively, claims 9 and 27 are in allowable condition for at least the same reasons as claims 8 and 26.

Claims 6-7 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten base claim 1 to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 6. Accordingly, claim 1 is now in allowable condition. Because claims 3-4, 7, and 10-13 depend from and further limit claim 1, claims 3-4, 7, and 10-13 are in allowable condition for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Claims 24-25 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten base claim 19 to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 24. Accordingly, claim 19 is now in allowable condition. Because claims 21-22, 25, and 28-31 depend from and further limit claim 19, claims 21-22, 25, and 28-31 are in allowable condition for at least the same reasons as claim 19.

Claim 38, which recites similar limitations as does claim 19, has been amended to include all of the limitations previously found in allowable claim 24. Accordingly, claim 38 is now in allowable condition.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, this Application should be in condition for allowance. A Notice to this affect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Amendment, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicant's Representative at the number below.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this

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Amendment, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3661.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-2900, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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